

## ADVANCE GUARD HERE FOR SESSION

General Assembly to Be  
Preceded by Harmo-  
nious Caucus.

## NO FIGHT OVER ANY OFFICES

Both Branches Begin Work  
Wednesday Noon—Byrd Will  
Retain Speakership Without  
Contest—Circuit and City  
Judges Will Be Elected.  
Caucus Nominees.

## Legislature Will Elect These Officers

**NOMINATED BY SENATE CAUCUS.**  
President Pro Tem, Edward Echols.  
Chairman of Caucus, W. W. Sale.  
Clerk, Marshall B. Booker.  
Doorkeeper, S. M. Donald.  
Sergeant-at-Arms, F. B. Watkins.

**BY HOUSE CAUCUS.**  
Speaker, Richard Evelyn Byrd.  
Chairman of Caucus, Edwin P. Cox.  
Clerk, John W. Williams.  
Sergeant-at-Arms, M. Johnston.  
Doorkeeper, S. M. Newhouse and  
F. E. Lipscomb.

**BY JOINT CAUCUS.**  
United States Senator, John W.  
Daniel.  
Judge of Supreme Court, Richard  
H. Cardwell.

Absence of contests before the General Assembly for the offices of its bodies and for the State positions to be filled, characterizes the approach of the session of 1910. The separate Democratic caucuses to be held to-morrow night will be practically formal affairs, for all the officers are candidates for re-election and not one of them is opposed. When the joint caucus of the Senate and House meets, probably on Thursday night, the United States Senator, the judge of the Supreme Court and all of the judges of the Circuit and Corporation Courts whose successors are to be elected at this time, will be renominated without opposition, with a possible single exception in the last named class.

In the upper house the understanding is that as this will be the second session of the body, the re-election of officers is unnecessary, as they hold over in any case. But the Democrats will meet in caucus nevertheless and go through the form of renominating or endorsing the incumbents.

The House of Delegates will re-elect Speaker Byrd, Clerk Williams, Sergeant-at-Arms Johnston and Doorkeeper Newhouse and Lipscomb.

Opening of Legislature.  
At noon on Wednesday the Senate will be called to order by Lieutenant Governor J. Taylor Elyson. Clerk John W. Williams, Jr., will perform the same duty in the House of Delegates. On the west side of the Capitol there will be little to do. Senators-elect Sains, Gayle, of Buckingham, and John J. Owen, of Prince Edward, the only two new members, will be sworn in. But Clerk Williams, the only officer who is left in the House from the last session, must swear in every one of the 100 members and then conduct the election for Speaker.

A good attendance of members is expected. Delegate John W. Williams, of Southampton, is not expected to be present. Delegate-elect A. H. Snyder, of Rockingham, who is also ill, may come to Richmond and take part in the deliberations.

The Republicans may have a little caucus of their own, but of course such votes as they may cast for legislative or judicial officers will be merely complimentary.

## Caucus Nominees.

The real work of the opening of the session will be done in the Democratic caucuses on Tuesday night. The Democratic Senators will meet and elect Senator Sale to succeed Judge Mann as chairman of the Senate caucus. The names of Senator Edward Echols for president pro tem, of the Senate, Marshall B. Booker for clerk, S. M. Donald for doorkeeper, and F. B. Watkins for sergeant-at-arms, will be indorsed.

These officers are all hold-overs. The steering committee, composed of Senators Sale, Simms, Halsey, Early and King, will make such arrangements of committees as they may see fit, in consequence of the death of Senator White and the retirement of Judge Mann.

On the House side, Edwin P. Cox, of Richmond, will be elected chairman of the caucus and will, by virtue of this position, be chairman of the joint caucus. Richard Evelyn Byrd will be renominated for Speaker, John W. Williams for clerk, J. M. Johnston for sergeant-at-arms, and S. M. Newhouse and F. E. Lipscomb as doorkeepers. Speaker Byrd will be put in nomination by Alden Bell, of Culpeper.

Changes in Ranks.  
The pages in the Senate have not as yet been chosen. Four of the five will be selected by the Senators, after their arrival in Richmond, in groups of ten Senators to one page. The fifth page will be chosen by the Lieutenant Governor and the clerk of the Senate. In the House all the pages are appointed by the Speaker, half of them being recommended by the Richmond delegation and the remainder by other members of the body. Practically all pages in both houses will be new.

Immediately after his election, Speaker Byrd will announce the personnel of the standing committees for the session.

It is likely that the joint Democratic caucus of the Senate and House will meet on Thursday night. At that meeting Senator John W. Daniel will be renominated for the United States senatorship, and Judge Richard H. Cardwell for his present position on the Supreme Court of Appeals.

**Circuit Court Judges.**  
The terms of several circuit judges will expire on February 1, while there

## HONORS FOR CARDINAL

Thousands Pay Tribute to Gibbons in Washington.

Washington, D. C., January 9.—One day each week Cardinal Gibbons, the highest dignitary of the Catholic Church in America, visits St. Patrick's parish, in Washington. This was his day, on Tuesday, when the visitation was celebrated by a reception in which prominent members of the church faith have participated, but the greeting given to the cardinal today went far beyond a purely Catholic ceremony, and became an official function at which prominent men of every faith sought to do honor to the distinguished prelate. Diplomats, statesmen and other men high in public life took part in the ceremony.

The ceremonies consisted of a large mass, then high mass at 11 o'clock, followed by a reception at the rectory and a luncheon. The large assembly at St. Patrick's Church was held long before 11 o'clock, and on the sidewalk and in the street outside was a crowd which greatly outnumbered the people inside the church.

The procession of priests attending the investigation, which had drawn from other churches in the city from Holy Cross Academy and the Catholic University of America. As he entered the church, the cardinal was greeted by a group of standing until the cardinal was seated under a red canopy at the left of the altar beside Father Russell, the rector. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Edward A. Page, professor of philosophy at the Catholic University. The musical program was one of the most beautiful ever given in the city with a church ceremony in Washington.

The guests at the luncheon, which was given by the rector, included the Italian Ambassador, the Austrian Ambassador, the ministers from Sweden, Chile, Netherlands and Spain, and other foreign dignitaries. Also present were Messrs. Fitzgerald and O'Leary, New York, and Ramsdell, Louisiana; Dr. M. F. Egan, American Minister to Persia; a number of high officers of the army and navy, and many clergymen and several government officials.

## OUSTED BY BALLINGER

Secretary of Interior Suspends Four From Government Service.

Washington, D. C., January 9.—Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior Department, today suspended from office four supervisors of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and three supervisors of the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes, as the result of an investigation which disclosed a "disgraceful condition" affecting the material and moral welfare of the schools.

As a result of the investigation which the Interior Department has been carrying on for some time past, and which will be continued, other officials of the Five Civilized Tribes are wholly unfit to perform their duties, and a full-lined overcoat, broadcloth suit and silk hat, appeared on the scene, and immediately was besought.

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## WHITE MAN'S VICE

Minister Tells of What Prohibition Is Doing in South.

New York, January 9.—Preaching the Gospel of Prohibition in the South, the Rev. Oscar Hayward, D. D., gave his impression of prohibition in the South.

"I saw no signs on a recent tour," said Dr. Hayward, "that drunkenness is diminishing, except among the negroes. I did not see a drunken negro, but I did see evidence of drinking among them. I should say that under Southern prohibition, drink is the white man's vice."

The law is doing what it is intended to do—protecting the negro, but it is administered by those who are not fit to administer it. Dr. Hayward paid tribute to the motives behind the prohibition movement in the South. It looked to social reform, he said, and was marked by many instances of noble voluntary renunciation.

## SURGERY FOR CONVICTS

Prison Commissioner Believes They Can Be Made Better.

Albany, N. Y., January 9.—Prison Commissioner Henry Solomon, in a report made public here to-night, advocates surgery for the convicts in order to overcome obstacles which bar his way to a successful life.

The most casual inquiry discloses among the convicts a large number of diseases amenable to modern surgery. Yet our reports do not show how many have been operated on, and how many have been cured. The convict at the termination of his sentence has been released with his physical impairment, and is a handicap in his struggle for a livelihood.

## WRECK ON SOUTHERN

Richmond Man Among Those Slightly Injured.

Washington, D. C., January 9.—A broken rail was responsible for the derailment of a train on the Southern Railway, carrying freight cars, at a point south of Cross Keys, Va., a half-dozen passengers being injured slightly. The baggage car, two coaches and one sleeping car left the track. The injured were:

J. O. Hughes, of Shelby, N. C.; J. C. Sengamore, of Richmond; R. S. Young, of Buford, Ga.; C. Wilkes, of Lowell, Mass.; and Joe Chat, a Chinaman, of Atlanta, Ga.

## LAND IS MOVING

Great Slide Carrying Village to Certain Destruction.

Parma, Italy, January 9.—On the hills between Parma and Piacenza, which are about thirty miles apart, an immense landslide is slowly moving. It is two miles in length, half a mile in width and its depth is estimated at 100 feet. The village of Scupolo, recently occupied by 1,000 people, is doomed to destruction, and the inhabitants have fled to the hillsides, taking with them their valuables and the furnishings and altars of their church to safer ground.

## SEAD IS MISSING

Husband of Bathing Victim Disappears From St. Catherine's.

St. Catherine's, Ont., January 9.—Pletcher W. Sead, husband of Oeey Sead, the bathing victim, has not been seen since Friday. No one knows where he has gone. Early last week Detective Harman, representing Prosecutor Mott of New Jersey, had a positive identification of Sead was all that he wanted.

## PIE DISTRIBUTION EAGERLY AWAITED

Apportioning of Federal  
Patronage May Be  
Made This Week.

## VIRGINIANS ARE ON ANXIOUS SEAT

Slomp-Martin Slate Said to Be  
About Ready for Delivery at  
White House—Livest-  
Contest Between Treat and  
Smithers for Mar-  
shalship.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., January 9.—Virginia Republicans will be in the thick of the fight at the White House this week. The pie-hungry horde from the trenches are on the march. Several of the local leaders were well filled with Old Dominion politicians when the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy reached its acute stage, and they scattered to the four winds at the announcement that it would be at least seven days before the pie would be divided. Slomp and Martin could be satisfied. At the Raleigh, where Representative Slomp is living this week, and the New Willard, where National Committeeman Alvah H. Martin stops when here, the fellows hunting the big plums gathered.

## Slomp, the Artful Dodger.

Campbell Bascom Slomp, known here by friends and foes, affectionately and otherwise, as the "artful dodger," spent the holidays in New York, resting and recuperating, far from the madding crowd. For several days his eager supporters anxiously awaited the return of the "artful dodger," but he was lost. Hundreds of inquiries were sent to the House Office Building, and candidates for Federal positions stood on the sidewalks in front of Washington hotels looking and longing for the young Congressman from the Ninth.

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## Some Interesting Stories.

During the last thirty days several interesting stories concerning Virginia Republicans have been in circulation in the Capitol. To a certain well-known master of the State called at the White House and asked for reappointment, but on admitting that he did not have the endorsement of Chairman Slomp was interrogated as to the reason.

"Why?" said he, "the chairman asked me for a campaign contribution of \$500 last fall, and I would not give him but \$200. Therefore he indorsed another man."

When asked concerning this story, however, Mr. Slomp said that he knew nothing of any such White House incident, and declared emphatically that he had not asked any one for any such contribution.

## A Unique Fight at Bristol.

Tennessee and Virginia politicians have locked horns over the Bristol fight. The Virginians claim that they are entitled to the postmaster, as most of the business and four-fifths of the population are on their side of the line. They point to the fact that two iron furnaces, several flour mills, two railroad shops, four railroad terminals, two female colleges, all the hotels and saloons are in Virginia.

However, on the Tennessee side, and the postmaster, E. A. Warren, who is serving his second term, is a Tennesseean. Mr. Slomp and his allies think that it is time for them to have this plum, which is worth to the holder \$3,000 a year.

In the event that the Virginians win, G. E. Goodell, a young Virginian, will be recommended for the appointment. Representative Browning, the Republican boss of Tennessee, will not give up this patronage without a prolonged struggle, for he is known in Washington as a man who is very very tough.

## Slomp and His Coal Deal.

Representative Slomp has been making politics a side issue, and coal land deals the main one. All sorts of rumors have drifted this way. It is said that he is in a fair way to be a millionaire. One story had it that he had cleaned up \$300,000 in a single deal. It is a well known fact that Mr. Slomp and his brother, William, are interested in some very valuable coal holdings in Virginia and Kentucky. Several of the leading coal men of the South and Middle West have been here within a fortnight to confer with the Virginia Republican leader.

## A Familiar Sight.

Mr. Slomp is in great demand when here, and it is a rare thing to find him in his office. His favorite conference place is at the dinner table, where he and his intimates assemble for a meal and a heart-to-heart talk. It is not unusual to see him next to the Raleigh, late in the afternoon, or early in the evening, seated at a table, surrounded by Republicans, all of whom treat him with the respect due a politician. In the lobby, just beyond, other members of the G. O. P. wait to converse with him.

## Becoming Restless and Uneasy.

Some of the Virginia Republicans have become restless. They do not think that Mr. Slomp is doing his full duty by them. His apparent indifference about patronage and his keen in-

## LEADERS STRIVING FOR PARTY PEACE

They Foresee Republi-  
can Disaster in Pro-  
longed Conflict.

## PRESENT WEEK MAY DECIDE IT

Situation Still Critical and Future  
Hostilities May Not Be Avoid-  
ed—Next Test Comes in  
Senate With Attempt to  
Assist Speaker  
Cannon.

Washington, D. C., January 9.—The present week probably will decide whether there will be a prolonged conflict, involving the President of the United States, within the ranks of the Republican party in Congress. Conditions have been tending in that direction for some time, but instead of adding to the impasse the dismissal of Mr. Pinchot apparently has had the effect of causing a halt. It has prompted Senators and members of the House to consider the possibilities of a continuation of the controversy, and present indications are of a more specific tendency than were those of a week ago.

There is no denying the fact, however, that in so far as respects the situation remains critical. Mr. Pinchot has a large number of personal friends and admirers in both houses of Congress, who would be inclined to take up his cause if favorable opportunity should present itself. On the other hand, many are saying that the personal fortunes of Messrs. Ballinger and Pinchot are of little importance compared to the great question of the preservation of party harmony, and those who take this view are urging the necessity of preventing any sharp conflict in Congress.

## Present Status.

The question will receive its next attention on the floor of the Senate. The present situation is this: The House has adopted the resolution providing for the appointment of its members of the committee by the House itself rather than by the Speaker, as has been the custom during the past century. The resolution is awaiting the official notification as to the action of the House, the Senate Committee on Public Lands has decided to-day to accept the resolution, and as a result the selection of the House members by the Speaker. Unquestionably, this action was taken with the intention of humiliating the Speaker, and it will be regarded to the Senate.

No matter how the general situation may develop, the controversy between the Secretary of the Interior and his antagonist is expected to be the principal topic of the congressional circles during the week. Officially, the question will not again come up in the House until after the Senate shall have acted.

## Potter Talks.

Cheyenne, Wyo., January 9.—A. E. Potter, who is now in Washington to succeed Gifford Pinchot as head of the Forestry Bureau, to-day said: "I expect many of the nation's leading writers will be most congenial. I desire to work in harmony with the live stock associations, to promote the interests of the nation's live stock, and to promote the general welfare of the West."

## Pinchot Lauded.

Cleveland, O., January 9.—Gifford Pinchot, dismissed Chief Forester, was lauded to-day by the public address by former Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, as the most active exponent of the Roosevelt policies. Mr. Garfield, speaking at Goodrich House, said that he had been very much gratified by the service of the national government, is the one man who perhaps worked the hardest for the Roosevelt policy of conservation of our natural resources and his principle of equal opportunities for all, said Mr. Garfield, speaking at Goodrich House, is another writer whose gifts for humor have not lessened his power for writing straight, well-reasoned and forceful articles on the great questions of the day.

Mr. Harrison is irrevocably determined to rejoin his family in Charleston, W. Va., and leave the field of news to literary pursuits. His signal success in the hurly-burly of journalism, and his equally gratifying career in whatever work he may undertake.

## Major Hemphill's Great Work.

Major Hemphill, in his personality and his work on the Charleston News and Courier are matters of public knowledge and approval. Perhaps no editor in the South is better known or more deeply admired. With Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and the late P. W. Dawson, of the News and Courier, he is one of the great exponents of the best Southern political thought. For twenty years, under the guidance of Major Hemphill, the News and Courier, has maintained the high standard set for it by Captain Dawson, and has fearlessly and successfully maintained and furthered the principles of private and public honor and propriety, the rights of the States and the rights of the nation.

In material matters, the News and Courier, like The Times-Dispatch, has been a powerful factor in the development of the manufactures, the trade, the farm products and the wealth of the State it serves. In coming to Richmond, therefore, Major Hemphill will find a better known and more deeply appreciated man than he has ever known, and he will find a more sympathetic and more devoted body of fellow-citizens of Virginia, many of whom he has long known and loved.

Major Hemphill, among other quasi-public duties, is vice-president of the Associated Press, and will deliver this spring courses of lectures at both Vassar and Cornell on "Journalism."

## STILL A MYSTERY

Police Rolled in Search for Helices and

Philadelphia, Pa., January 9.—Although eleven days have elapsed since Robert de Jarnet, the seventeen-year-old helix, and Frederick Cohen, the middle-aged waiter, disappeared from the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, their whereabouts is still a complete mystery.

In spite of the many reports spread broadcast last week that the girl had been found, her disappearance has not been discovered any clue by which they can locate her.

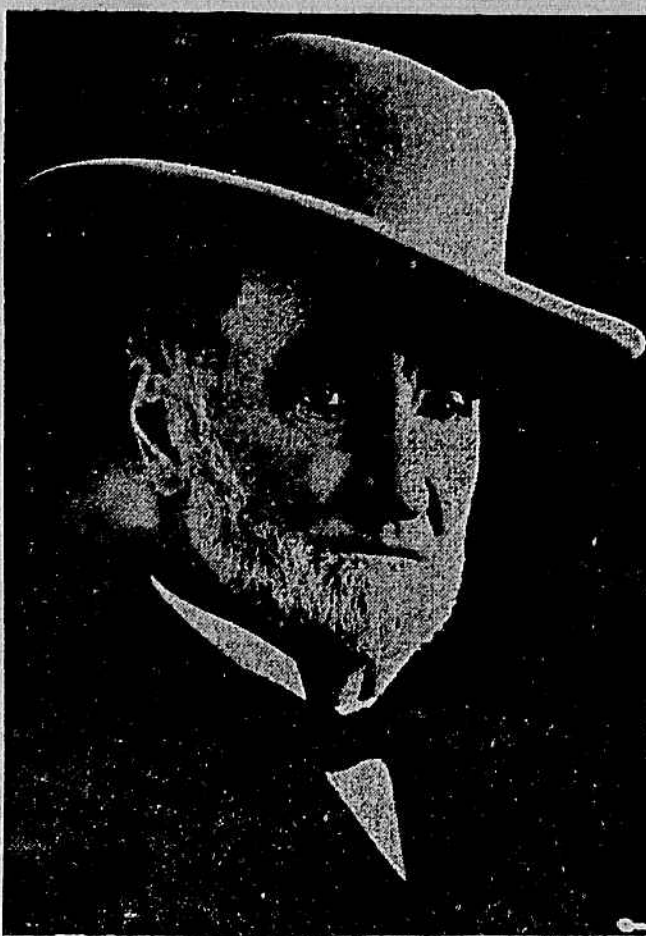
The police force having run to the ground all possible out-of-town clues, are now working on the theory that the waiter and the girl are concealed in this city.

## HOSPITAL BURIED

Building and inmates Disappear in Ground.

Vienna, January 9.—An extraordinary accident occurred yesterday at Rabl, in Carinthia. The sudden subsidence of a disused mine shaft, completely engulfed a small hospital building. Not a vestige of the hospital remained in the ground, seven inmates of the hospital, including Surgeon Wessersley and his family, perished.

## AT WAR WITH INSURGENTS



SPEAKER OF HOUSE, JOSEPH CANNON.

## TIMES-DISPATCH GETS NEW EDITOR ANGERED LEOPARD TURNS ON TRAINER

Major Hemphill, of Charleston  
News and Courier, to Take  
Charge of Editorial Page.

## BEGINS WORK HERE FEB. 15

Henry Sydnor Harrison Resigns  
to Devote Fine Talent to  
Literary Pursuits.

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It was the hardest kind of luck for Mrs. Russell, because she had expected to get a new start in the world by exhibiting Clayton and the other leopards, Arnold and Roy. She needed the money sorely. She had been out of work, and there were two children down in Virginia to take care of, as well as herself. Her leopards were caged on the top of Huber's, and she had been training them there for three months. The three were young and absolutely green when she got them from an animal dealer in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and they had taken to training readily and intelligently.

She dressed for her work in a loose blouse, corduroy trousers, a short skirt and high boots. Over her blouse she buttoned a short coat heavy with spangles. The rest of her equipment was a revolver loaded with blank cartridges and a short heavy-handled whip.

## Signs of Trouble.

Harry Hendrickson, her helper, who stands by outside the cage with a sharp-pointed iron rod, was waiting for her when she climbed to the top floor. Frenchy, the sweeper, was the only other person in the room. There were certain signs, that all trainers of wild animals recognize the minute they put foot in a cage, that something was wrong with all the leopards this morning. Mrs. Russell realized that she was in for trouble. She went to work with all three, taking them one at a time and making them perch on a big ball and roll it across the floor of the cage. "Her did it smiling, splitting at the eye and jabbing a paw against the bars," she said, "but when she tried to make them jump up to the little platforms fixed around the cage, Clayton balked, backed away and crouched in a corner of the cage."

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## PUBLIC HIGHLY PLEASED WITH COLLEGE PLAN

Ready to Aid in Building  
Great Medical Uni-  
versity in Richmond.

## MASS-MEETING SOON TO BE HELD

Faculties Reach Satisfactory  
Agreement as to Merger, All  
to Resign so That Best  
Teaching Material May  
Be Selected—Oldest  
Charter to Stand.

Dr. Stuart McGuire, president of